

HOUSE BILL 448

By Gilmore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 21, relative to restraint systems in
school buses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-6-21__.

(a) Any bus purchased on or after July 1, 2011, for the purpose of being
owned, operated, or leased by a public or private elementary or secondary
school or school system, and which is intended to be used to transport students
to or from school or to or from extracurricular activities and other school events,
shall be equipped with a restraint system approved by the national transportation
safety board for the driver and all passengers. Any bus owned, operated, or
leased by a public or private elementary or secondary school or school system,
and which is intended to be used to transport students to or from school or to or
from extracurricular activities and other school events, shall no later than July 1,
2023, be equipped with a restraint system approved by the national
transportation safety board for the driver and all passengers.

(b) The state board of education, in consultation with the department of safety, shall
promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this section. All such rules shall be promulgated
in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.